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TAGS: PINR, JA (WADA, TSUTOMU)

SUBJ: NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, TSUTOMU WADA

REF: A) BANGKOK 69 A-238, APRIL 25, 1969, B) MEXICO 4148

1. FOREIGN OFFICE ON MARCH 30 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF VETERAN DIPLOMAT TSUTOMU WADA, 58, AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. SINCE LAT 1973 WADA HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, AND HAS PRESIDED OVER A SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF JAPAN'S ACTIVITY THERE. HE WAS CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO SOUTH YEMEN.

2. DESPITE A REPUTATION FOR BLUNTNESS AND AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF AGGRESSIVENESS, WADA SERVED FROM 1971-73 AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MOFA'S INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. HE WAS MINISTER IN LONDON IN 1969-71 AND, PRIOR TO THAT, MINISTER IN BANGKOK IN 1967-69. EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BANGKOK FOUND HIM "CHARMING, URBANE, ASTUTE AND FRIENDLY." HE WAS "A STRONG AND ARTICULATE EXPONENT OF THE JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW" WHO "DEMONSTRATED A WILLINGNESS TO SHARE WITH US INFORMATION ON DELICATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO US."

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3. IN 1965-67, WADA WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO.  
IN HIS EARLY '40'S (1958-60) HE WAS TAPPED FOR THE PLUM  
JOB OF PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER KISHI, AMBASSADOR  
AND MRS. WADA BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL. THEY HAVE A  
SON AND A DAUGHTER, BOTH OF COLLEGE AGE.  
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